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Police

Collections for the Police sports at Mangalore.

* 1276 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to his statement on the adjournment motion brought by Mr. Karant on 18th October 1927 on the subject of the alleged irregular collection for the Police Sports on the occasion of His Excellency's visit to Mangalore, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what investigations have been made as to the alleged irregularities;
(*b*) what steps have been taken to prevent such irregularities; and
(*c*) whether collections for Police Sports are to be stopped altogether?

A.—(*a*) The Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Southern Range, made a personal investigation into the alleged irregularities. It is found that the only irregularities committed were in the issue of notices and the collection of subscriptions which did not follow strictly the rules laid down by Government, e.g.—

(i) the notice was not published in the District Gazette;
(ii) copies of the notice were not sent to public offices and institutions;
(iii) it was not directed that the subscriptions were to be sent 'only' to the District or Deputy Superintendent of Police; and
(iv) a paragraph was included in the notice about His Excellency's attendance at the sports. As regards the allegation that 'excessive' collections were made, the amounts collected in 1926 and 1927 were Rs. 3,224-4-0 and Rs. 6,666-0-0 respectively. The increased collection made in 1927 was due to the fact that His Excellency was to attend the sports.

(*b*) & (*c*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I enquire under what circumstances these omissions were made. It is said that there are 3 or 4 omissions in applying the rules. Have the Government made enquiries why these omissions were made?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—"The omissions were made and the Government are enquiring."

Public Service

Grievances of copyists in the Judicial and Revenue departments.

* 1277 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many sheets of paper a copyist has to write per month in a Revenue office and Stationary Sub-Magistrate's court in the Presidency, what is the rate per sheet charged by the Government and how much is paid to the copyist out of the amount thus realized;

(*b*) whether copyists are paid anything extra annually, or half-yearly, or quarterly in the shape of bonus; and if so, at what rate;